January 4, 1941.

At Holy Communion He permitted me to see the patrons of Sister Mary Catherine's soul. I realized that it was at the moment of her conception that the Eternal Father in a particular way made her His own child and by His own love espoused her to His divine Son. At the same time He made St. Catherine of Sienna the guardian of this espousal that this love would be kept pure for Our Lord as hers had been. He also permitted me to see that at the age of about twelve Our Blessed Mother became in a special manner patroness of her soul, and at the time of her entrance into religion Our Father Founder was given to her as a special patron. Besides her guardian angel her soul has continually been shielded by a seraph.

the glory of the Eternal Father that the abiding love of the Holy Spirit may be given to the souls of all mankind.

J. M. J.

Our Lady Acad.,
Manitou, Ky.
Jan. 12, 1941.

Dear Father Aloysius,

Sr. M. Mediatrix thought it well that I tell you she suggests your going to see Rev. Mother about St. Monica but to do so at such time and in such wise that you do not betray the suggestion.

I brought back St. Sebastian message regarding her preparation and St. M. Ursula's answer which I shall enclose. The small crucifix I always held while writing my thesis was blessed for this work. The Sacred Heart appeared with the four evangelists who

were kneeling in prayer. His hands were open but held close to His Sacred Heart. From His Heart came rays of love and truth which seemed to flow into the evangelists and three them into the crucifix as though He would impart to it the same spirit that animated them in their writing of the gospel.

Sister M. M enjoyed the visit of the Holy Family during meditation and this afternoon when we said the prayer to the Holy Family and Rev. mother gave Our Father's blessing He (Our Father) stood beside the statue of the Holy Family and blessed us all.

S. M. M. has no strength but is sustained and cheerful.

I did not tell S. M. Ursula that I sent you the message, but I thought you would want to know it before hand. I am not going to Evansville this week.

Sincerely
S M Catherine

Feast of the Holy Family,
January 12, 1941.

It is His desire that S. M. Ursula make a vow of greater perfection, under pain of imperfection, and that she make a preparation of three months in honor of the Blessed Trinity.

By the vow of greater perfection He desires a complete conformity and abandonment to whatever His Providence ordains in the round of daily duties by the circumstances He creates; the loving accomplishment of His holy will moment by moment without any anxiety as to failure or success to the end that a peace and tranquility be maintained in her soul that she may thereby become united to Him praying and offering herself with Him, and in Him and by Him to

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Our Lady Academy

Manteno, Illinois

January 19, 1941.

Reverend Aloysius Ellacuria
St. Jude Seminary
Momence, Illinois

Dear Reverend Father:

I enclose copy of message received from Sister Mary Mediatrix last evening. In the event you wish the joy of reading the original I have it and shall be permitted to keep it until February 2nd.

May I ask you to please unite with me in thanking the Infinitely Holy God for His Goodness toward one who were it not for the All-Merciful Love would find her place among the reprobate. God is so good - there just isn't anything more to say. I can only yield myself to the wondrous work of the Divine Artisan. Please pray for me, - may the wisdom of His Divine Love be yours.

Respectfully,

S. Mary

St. Alphonsus Hospital
Boise, Idaho

J. M. J. Feb. 19th. 1941

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria C.M.F.

Rev. Dear Father.

As the holy Season of Lent will soon be here, I must get those few lines to You, to thank You for Your good prayers, and many blessings in my behalf

I want to assure You that I will remember You and all Your intentions, in a special way during the holy season of Lent. and also Your Saintly little Sister I'm sure You are happy of this great privilege in being chosen to be the director of this Saintly Soul as well as the immense blessings that she will obtain for You in return.

Dear Father when You see her again please ask her to pray for a financial difficulty for this Hospital it is urgent.

Thanking You for Your good prayers and blessings

I am greatifully Yours in J. M. J.

Sister M. Mildrida

St. Alphonsus Hospital
Boise, Idaho

I know You have very very little time for letter writing when You have so many Souls to look after along with the incessant demands of Your Seminary. May God love and bless You and keep You well to do this work, Your name I mention in all my prayers, and Sister too. I wish I was near so I could know her better, You tell me about Yourselves I promise I wont mention it to anyone,

Father I me trying to keep Gods holy presence before me, and every thing I do is for Him. anything that our Lord wants of me I willing do, I only ask His grace and light to follow out His Will, I would give much to talk with You, but since this I cannot do, I will appreciate any advice or direction You give me along those lines in regard to my Soul and God.

I will not expect You to write till around Easter time as I well know how very busy You will be, so I will be content to await that time, only one thing I want You to be sure of and that is a share in my prayers every day, as well as an intention for You in all the Rosaries we make especially to the Sacred Heart for first Fridays, in Holy Hours as well

them too for peace to Europe and our own country, and dear Holy Father
I am inclosing to Mass Offerings one for my deceased relatives
I include all Your own. and one for Mr and Mrs Miller living
for all their intentions, and Yours and mine, any convenient
time You may have, I mean when You have no urgent
requests, to fullfil.
Please Father remember my Niece Frances to Him that she
may recover soon from an infection in the glands, also
pray for Mrs Allen and two Sons, suffering from a severe
exema, this family Mother and 3 Sons are exmplary Catholics
I feel for them their Father died but a short time ago, two of the
boys have been pts. here for the past two months, I told Mrs Allen
I would ask You to pray for them
Now dear Father take good care of Yourself, do get the proper
amount of rest so You may be able to carry on Gods work
I read an account of ~~D~~ some of the raidings in a Suburb
of London by a Rev. Robert S. Crook C.M.F. many Churches around
him have been destroyed, he said he goes to bed with his
Rosary, around his neck, his crucifix in his hand, with a cushion
over his ear, trusting in God for safety, asked prayers for
his protection, he also said it is not bombs, or air planes
they need, but a Legion of Saints, if You have not heard of
this, pray for that poor Father, who is facing death every
moment, I pray for him and all our priests and Sisters in that
awful City. May God give them peace soon
With all good wishes to You and Sister
Gratefully Yours in Jesus and Mary
Sister Mildrida

St. Alphonsus Hospital
Boise, Idaho

Rev aloysius Ellauria C.M.F.

Feb. 13th. 41

My Dear Rev. Brother in Christ.

Many thanks for kind letter and lovely Badages endowed with so many Blessings and inestemable favours, my sincere thanks and appreciation to You and dear Sister Mediatrix for Your kind thoughtfullness to me, I distributed the Badges among my Neices and relatives with directions as You sent me namly the gifts and blessings attached, as well as asked their prayers for Your intentions I will dear Father make every effort to be worthy of the favours, or what ever Our dear Lord wants me to do for Him, I will keep strict silence, for love of Him as well as many acts of mortification, and self denial as I possibly can, along with visits to the Chapel, more frequent during Lent I will also make a Novena in honor of the Passion of our Lord through Our Lady of Sorrows, for You Your Seminary and for dear Sister, when ever You see her You may tell her, in appreciation for all You both have so kindly done for me when You write again You may tell me anything You wish as Your letter is handed to me unopened

ST. PATRICK ACADEMY
MOMENCE, ILLINOIS

Feb. 14, 1941.

Rev. Father Aloysius,
St. Jude Seminary,
Momence, Illinois.

Rev. dear Father:

Enclosed you will find the copy of the retreat notes which I took of the children's retreat. In justice to Father Croarkin, I feel that I should remind you that these are merely notes and not the full text of Father's sermons. In some cases I have amplified them in re-writing them but they contain the main thoughts and ideas; and in so far as possible, Father's own words. However, to appreciate him fully, one must hear him in person. I have offered the time I spent in rearranging and typing the notes for your intention.

In the little booklet of verse compiled by Father Croarkin, the poems which are listed without an author's name were written by Father himself. Madre Mia - page 54 is especially beautiful.

Gratefully yours in Him

Sister Mary Dolores

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Ave Cor Mariae Immaculatum.

CLARETIAN MISSIONARIES

ST. JUDE'S SEMINARY

MOMENCE, ILL.

February 18, 1941.

Dear Sister Mary Mediatrix:

Do request from His Divine Majesty for me the following graces.

The very fullness of the spirit of my Father Founder Blessed Anthony Mary Claret that I may be his reflection....

Your Founder looks upon you with complacency as his beloved son because you do reflect his spirit and he intercedes continuously for your faultless fidelity.

That I may be a living copy of the Holy Constitutions and Traditions of my Claretian Congregation...

Granted in accordance with the above.

The number and the order of my Patron Saints.

at all time of birth {
Guardian Angel and a Seraph
Beloved Disciple St. John
St. Joseph
St. Aloysius

On last feast of our Bl. Mother's Espousals Mary look you under her protection in a special manner.

Sr. Mary Mediatrix

J. M. J. February 27, 1941

Reverend Father Aloysius

Dear Father,

Monday Mother read to us the circular letter of our Reverend Mother Provincial concerning Lent. In the letter our Reverend Mother quoted the article of our Constitutions which speaks of observing the fasts and abstinences prescribed by the Church. The article also states that "Besides the prescribed fasts and abstinences, each sister shall, with the approval of her confessor, perform some private penances and mortifications. . . ."

Father, will you please help me in choosing this

private penance which we are to perform? I know of one thing to suggest, but I will be glad to do whatever you may wish to give me.

I have a small belt which our Mistress of Novices gave me to wear on my day of reparation once a week. This belt is made of wire meshes which have blunt ends pointing inwards. If you will permit me, Father, I could wear this for whatever number of days or amount of time you think best.

However, Father, if you would rather that I do another penance instead, I will be glad to do it.

In spite of my infidelities and abuse of God's grace, I feel ever more and more a desire to want only what God wants and to love Him beyond measure. I wish to be most faithful during Lent. Please ask God to give me this grace.

I will continue to pray for you as best I can. May God bless and thank you for your child in Christ Crucified.

Sister Mary Christine

GLORIA TRINITATI

March 19, 1941.

Dear Reverend Father:

This is the anniversary day of my reception of a special Badge blessed by the Sacred Heart of Jesus to which He attached the gift of Holy Abandonment that was His during His passion. I have tried to make the day one of ceaseless thanksgiving.

My purpose in writing this meant-to-be short missive is to clearly acquaint you with my present state of soul which I fear I failed to make clear to you when last you were here. Further, I am growing so absent-minded and forgetful that I find it difficult to carry on even an ordinary conversation. I often forget what I am about to say, or even lose the trend of my thought while speaking, so that I often end up by saying I don't remember, and console myself that I am only God's little dumb-bell, and find my content in being just that since He wants it that way.

I feel an ever-increasing need for God and desire for union. My constant appeal to God is for the stripping of self without consulting my preferences or inclinations. Love makes no exceptions and I make none. Yet, with this I feel a dreadful repugnance to this constant self-denial. I have a sense of my utter nothingness and insufficiency and weakness, and this coupled with the repugnance I feel prepels me toward God with such a forceful need ~~xxxx~~ that I feel a real anguish. Though grace is above nature, I know, still I have much to fear from my wilful nature. I often kiss my crucifix in these moments asking for increase of love, fidelity and holy abandonment - which gifts were attached to my crucifix about a year ago. These gifts were accepted before with joy, but now they are appreciated. In direct contrast to my shrinking from constant self-denial is my ardent desire for union - and a deeper realization of mystical indwelling of the most Blessed Trinity. Conscious of my weakness, my unceasing appeal is for strength, light and love. I desire with a renewed intensity that God live in me, with me, and through me, as in another humanity without heeding my shrinking from His holy will. My endeavor is to find my joy in giving Him pleasure, in letting Him do with me as He pleaseth. The intensity of this desire and my wilfulness are at war, as it were. In the last few days I have found strength in uniting myself to the Sacred Heart mystically present within me - by imploring Him to draw me into the deepest depths of His adorable loving Heart, and to hide me in the immensity of His love - purifying and inflaming my heart, and then beseeching Him to present me with Himself and all the members of the whole mystical body in the Holy Sacrifice being offered at the moment for the intentions of the Eternal Father. I endeavor to keep united with Christ within me in adoration, thanksgiving, reparation and supplication - in the unceasing immolation of Himself in the Eucharistic Sacrifice. In so doing I seem to gain new strength and energy. I am often impelled to remind myself that my life must be a constant self-immolation if I am to be identified with Christ - and that is what I desire. Sometimes, too, I unite myself to Christ manifesting with His love and His holy abandonment my acceptance of the will of the Eternal Father in all that He shall ordain or permit, and with the Sacred Heart x I pronounce my "Ecce Venio" to His divine decrees. Again, at times I like to unite myself with Mary in her "Ecce Ancilla Domini". However, at the present time God within me is my strengtheing force, and I am depending upon my Adorable Trinity for the strength, light and love necessary to keep on the narrow, straight path. Please pray for me, for as I have tried to clearly show you, I am among God's neediest needy at the present time. I want God! I need God! - And I shall have Him only if I am faithful. Please intercede with the Adorable Trinity for me that I may be so. I shall never rest content until I rest in Him alone, wholly immolated to His greater glory for the salvation of souls.

May the light of His love direct you. I assure you of a remembrance in my poor prayers.

Respectfully,

S. Mary - O.B.

Manteno, Ill.
April 1, 1941

Rev. Father Aloysius
St Jude Seminary
Momence, Ill.

Dear Father:

It seemed His good pleasure to ask me last Sunday, to offer myself as a victim for George during the month of April and May. In order to have the blessing of holy obedience, I am writing to ask you if you will permit me to make this offering.

For some unknown reason, George has been in my mind continually for the past week; I have prayed very much for him and I know you

will not forget him in your prayers.

Last Saturday was our day of recollection and I gave the Sisters a conference on holy Obedience as Sister Monica had told me it was His desire.

When Sister Monica told me this I felt a rebellious feeling arise within me and was on the point of telling her that I would choose the subject to speak of and not she. I certainly had no desire to submit to the things she asked me to do and yet I feared that He would not be pleased if I refused to do so.

I also spoke to Sister Mary Cecilia with regard to her meditation and religious exercises and rules but there was not much reaction. This cost me very much too.

I am telling you this so that you may know just how very weak I am — and I see too how full of pride I still am. Please pray for me that I may become humble in His service and ask Him that I never get the idea that the title of Superior means that I am above or better than others. This is the feeling I had when Sister Monica spoke to me about the subject for retreat and I know how wrong it was. I am afraid that He was hurt because I hesitated to obey and I ask you to tell Him for me that I am sorry. Ask Him to give me a generous heart — I can be so selfish with Him. He has been so very, very good to me.

Will you please let me know as soon as possible if it will be alright to offer myself for George? Do you think it is necessary to get permission from Rev. Mother?

I beg a remembrance in your prayers.

Always in His Merciful Heart your grateful,

Sister St Eugene.

J.M.J.

Our Lady Academy,
Manteno, Illinois,
April 10,1941

Reverend Father Aloysius,
St. Jude Seminary,
Momence, Illinois.

Dear Father Aloysius,

I wrote Reverend Mother for the permission you asked me to get and received an answer just this week. The following message was given her unsolicited by Sister Mary Mediatrix.

Words of the Sacred Heart:

"It is not my desire that Sister Mary Catherine should become a victim for the priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago. I long only for the offering of her love and fidelity to grace to repair the offences of the unfaithful priests, and for her life of union with Me to obtain from our heavenly Father the sanctification of the faithful priests."

Signed: Sister Mary Mediatrix .

Accordingly, I have done nothing about this matter except ot try to live as faithful as possible. It seems that the way of suffering and penance are not the designs of God on my soul. He seems to claim love and more love. Pray for me that I may fulfill His desires.

Sincerely,

Sister M. Catherine

Manteno, Ill.
April 23, 1941.

Dear Father Aloysius:

I am writing to ask you if you will please send a word to Sister Mary Mediatrix and ask her to ask the Sacred Heart if He will please bless George's linens for his first Mass. I would like Him to bless his alb, surplice and two cinctures too.

You have given me permission to do this before and I had intended to have Sister Catherine ask her, but Sister will not be going to Beaverville Saturday and so the only way to get word to Frances before George's ordination is thru you. I would like to have his sick call burse & Pyx blessed too.

George will start his retreat Sunday and he is begging for prayers so will you please ask the seminarians to have a remembrance for him? I know it is not necessary to ask you - you have already been more than generous with your prayers.

Father will it be possible to have a priest say Mass in our chapel tomorrow morning at seven o'clock? If you can will you come yourself? I have some linens for George to be blessed and I would like you to bless them.

Please ask Him to give me a generous heart; at times it is hard for me to recognize His Providence, guiding all things; when I look around and see so many capable souls I wonder why I am where I am.

We are expecting a visit from Rev. Mother; I am glad she is coming & at the same time I dread it. I saw Her in Beaverville yesterday.

I have another problem to face with Sister Aimee and I ask you to pray for me - I know what it will mean but I must speak. He certainly is giving me every occasion to overcome my weakness in regard to human respect. Grant that I may measure up to His demands.

I ask Him to give you an increase in His Merciful Love for all your kindness to us.

Sister St Eugene

would give the S. Heart
what He asked of her.
How wonderful is His
Merciful Love! for He
did it all, using me,
his sinful nothingness,
as an unworthy mouthpiece.
I had asked Sr. Imelda
to show you the mes-
sage and tell you every-
thing, which I hope she
did. I sincerely hope and
pray that Sr. persevered
in her good disposition
and carried out her good
resolution.
Please do not mention
to Sr. Imelda, I wrote
you about her for I
am sure she would
resent it.
May I ask your prayers

for St. Gall. The Sacred Heart asked for prayers & suffering from our holy souls. Union makes strength; therefore I am asking you and your community to unite in prayers for that intention; also for a temporal favor which concerns the future of our Province.

Let us be united in prayers of Thanksgiving for the many favors received thru His Merciful Love.

My boundless confidence knows no limit as it is placed in the Ocean of His Divine Love and Mercy which never fails.

Gratefully & prayerfully Yours in the Holy Heart of Mary

Sister St. Emily

J. M. J.

Holy Family Academy,
Beaverville, Ill.
Apr. 28/41

Very Reverend Fr. Alayeus.
Momence, Ill.

Reverend Father:-

Enclosed is a mass stipend for an anniversary mass to be said on May 14th. I would appreciate if it could be said on that date as requested by a friend of one of our Sisters.

I had hope to have a visit with you while I was in Momence, but no doubt the dear Lord had planned it differently.

I am convinced that this was providential for had I talked to you before

seeing Sr. Imelda, the second time, things would not have worked so well, for she would have surmised that I had told you everything.

I want to thank you most sincerely for requesting Sr. M. Mediatrix to ask the Sacred Heart if there were any messages which would store helpful during my visit to Manresa.

How I did pray before giving Sr. Imelda her message but deserving message. She resisted grace for over an hour and made light of the message, but finally grace conquered and after a prolonged talk of over two hours she surrendered her will, promising she

Holy Family Academy
Beaverville, Illinois

On Mother's Day I promised the Novitiate I would ask you to say Mass for their Mothers. Kindly have a special remembrance for those who are unfaithful to God such as S. John Joseph's and S. Mary Grace's Mother.

With most prayerful good wishes that the Sacred Heart may bestow upon you and your esteemed Congregation His choicest blessings, Amen

Most respectfully and gratefully yours in J.M.J.

S. A. Thomas O.P.C.M.

J. M. J.

Holy Family Academy
Beaverville, Illinois

May 27, 1941

Reverend Father Aloysius
St. Jude Seminary
Momence, Illinois

Dear Father Aloysius:

If it does not inconvenience you, we would appreciate your saying Holy Mass at six o'clock sun time which would be seven o'clock daylight saving time, our Reverend Mother's Feast, Friday next, May thirtieth. Thank you so much.

Please pray in a very special way for our privileged one; she has been suffering acutely morally and physically — and He is so silent!

St. Alphonsus Hospital
Boise, Idaho

will be on June 29th. and one for My Parents and Sister diseased and Father John. when ever Convienent, also remember the donor's, and I will be greatful to You,
we are kept busy here every minute, I'm getting all I can out of those few days rest may I be You would find a few spare minutes to write me a line tell me all about Yourself and little Sister, Your letter wont be opened so You may feel free to tell me anything You so desire, and You may be sure it is equal to telling Your own Sister, that would never be repeated,. Are You going to be in Chicago this coming Year, I would like You to remain there, if God so wills as long as Sister lives should You go West do not fail to stop off here, as You can come through Boise by portland Oregon, to any point in California, the ticket agent will allow You stop over on Your ticket without extra charge, You may be sure I would be very happy to have a visit with You.
Now Dearest write when You have a little time and tell me what to do so I may not fail You in being all that the Sacred Heart wishes me to be.
God love and bless You every moment of Your life, may You grow more like to Christ every day through the love of the most pure Heart of His holy Mother
Thanking You dear Brother for Your good prayers in my behalf, as well as all the kind favours You have bestowed on me

as ever Your devoted Sister in Holy Cross
Sister M. Mildrida

One Holy Mass for My Niece Frances Kohn for good health and success in her work
Thank You, also a Memento for my Superior Sister Fabian

as ever Sr. Mildrida

St. Alphonsus Hospital
Boise, Idaho

J. M. J.

June 11th - 1941

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria C.M.F.

My Dear Rev Father and Brother in Christ

As I have not heard from You in such a long time I thought I must write a little letter to try to find out if You are real well, and what may be the cause for my Brother's long silence.

Do You know that I have never heard from You since a short while after Christmas, Oh thats a long time is it not?

Well dear Father here we are at the middle of the month of June, I'm about to begin Novena to the Sacred Heart, for His Feast the 20 th. You may be sure You and dear Sister Mediatrix, will share with me in this Novena, as You did in my Rosaries and Benedictions all during the Month of Our Blessed Mother May.

I know how very busy You must be around this time of the Year, particularly in Your College work, as well as Retreats, to Religious no doubt You have many try not to over do Your Strength, so as to be equal to the strenuous efforts attached to Your arduous work.

I am trying to be all You wish my to be, and then I feel I fall short of all that I ought to be, but in all humility cry out Oh Heart of Jesus burning furnace of Charity, have mercy on me, are You going to write me that letter You told me about last time You wrote, perhaps it is my own fault, that I have not kept my promises as I should, well Father, do me a favour tell me what I ought to do, and I assure You I'm willing to do it, even tho" it may cause suffering, I am off duty for a few days for a rest, as I was about to break, so I'm getting in some extra prayers of course You are included

I'm sending You some Mass intentions, One for my Nephew John to John whose Annoversary is the 18th June two for Rev. Charles Coughlin for his Silver Jubilee

J. M. J.

HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY
BEAVERVILLE, ILLINOIS

June 19/41

Rev. Father Alaysius:- Since I have not the privilege of returning the gift you gave me "A Mass" I am sending you five dollars for a high mass for my intentions which are yours. In this case you must carry out the intentions of the giver and it is a gift for your feast day.

I shall unite myself to your intentions on that day and shall be at mass in

my hidden abode, the manger in His Sacred Heart from where He will offer to His Eternal Father my supplication in your behalf.

On Friday I shall send to St Patrick Acad. a parcel containing, part of the "life of our Holy soul and a small book "the Soul of the Apostolate" I regret, the latter is not bound but it was the only volume I could secure. — On the 21st you will have a very special remembrance in the prayers of the Community + Novices and I am sure our Holy soul will contribute a generous feast day gift by her prayers.

Prayerful wishes for your happiness in His Love

Sr. Emily

St. Alphonsus Hospital
Boise, Idaho July 4th. 41

Rev. Aloysius a Maccia C.P.P.S.

My Dear Rev. Brother in Christ

I wrote You a letter in the early part of June and inclosed Five Dollars for Masses, since I have not heard from You since, I am wondering if You recived it. as I have heard of mail been tampered with. perhaps I should have made it a check or Postal order, I will be greatful to You if You will kindly let me know if You received it. I hope You feel real well, and not working to hard it is quiet around here, the city authority forbid fire works in the city, much to our comfort. I am feeling better since the few days rest.

I beg You and little Sister in my daily prayers.

as ever Your devoted Sister in Holy Cross

Sister M. Mildrida

J. M. J.

OUR LADY ACADEMY
Manteno, Illinois
July 13, 1941.

Reverend Aloysius Ellacuria
St. Jude Seminary
Momence, Illinois

Dear Reverend Father:

While time permits I want to express to you my gratitude for the manifold graces granted me though your Sacred Ministry, and also to tell you a few things that you in your humility would prevent my saying otherwise than by writing.

I know through Sister Mary Mediatrix that it has been through your direction that I have drawn closer to God. You worked in perfect accord with the Spirit of God, carefully letting Him take the lead in all things, counselling, encouraging and comforting me in my every need and effort. Had I not met this in you together with your kindness, your understanding, and trust, at that difficult period of my life, I fear I should have fallen a hopeless wreck by the waywide. God gave us you at the needed moment, and I shall never cease to thank Him for this His kindness to us. If feel it is through you my soul has waxed strong in Him.

The acceptance of your leaving was the hardest act of Holy Abandonment I have had to make since I made the Vow of Greater Perfection. I said the Gloria Patri repeatedly renewing my abandonment and appeal for strength until after two days I regained my usual composure and realized with shame my lack of generosity and courage. God then removed the ache and renewed my soul in His strength and love. I never had a director until I had you and it was hard "bucking" myself up to a change. But then, I can see naught but His holy will in it all. He gives and takes. I know I must find my delight and happiness in His Will - the sword of immolation that cuts but to heal. We are after all of so little consequence, our understanding and love are so limited while He is Infinity Itself. I will trust Him always please pray for me that I remain faithful even though the shadows close in around me and I be doubted on every side. I am so weak and cowardly. Yes, you are right, I do yield Him as perfect correspondence as possible but I cannot do otherwise, that is one of the wonders of His grace. I cannot refuse Him no matter what His demand. No soul which has received as many graces as He has given me could refuse so kind and loving a Master His least desire. I want not only to please Him always and all things, but to possess Him as my very own. I understand and feel with dread what union with Him means - but I still want God be the cost what it may. He sweetens and strengthens - even carries our burdens if we only cast our cares upon Him - and I know I can count on Him though I have everything to fear from myself.

I feel that I am losing a kind father and that all the security I felt with you as my director have slipped out, too. It was easy to pour out my soul to you (as easy as interior manifestation could be to such as I) and this primarily because of your trust and understanding. I felt you <u>knew</u> what <u>real love</u> is and that you would not ridicule my delight in Him, or love's foolishness. Your knowledge of the Merciful Love made you encourage a union so little deserved. The deeper the abyss from which He lifts us the greater is His power manifest. Oh, the wondrous work of God who can doubt His love and mercy. I cannot believe anything but wilful rejection of grace could blind one so thoroughly as not to recognize these two great attributes of God. I know it is no little sacrifice for you to leave a place rendered so sacred. When I think of you Our Lord's words to St. Theresa relative to a certain soul keep recurring to me: "He serves Me greatly, but I would have him stripped of all, as I was upon the Cross". Yes, that is how I feel and why I continously offer you as a holy and perfect holocaust with Christ through Mary. The deep love you instilled in me for the Holy Mass, and your many kindly counsels I shall carry with me to my dying day. In a spirit of obedience I shall strive to love God, in, with, and through my Crucified Love daily more and more, until love finds its consummation in eternal communion. I shall strive always to "live the Mass" letting myself be sacrificed by the Hand of God in whatever way and to whatever extent He wishes. Never shall I forget you as you stand at the altar of God, truly Another Christ! I thank you for your promise to pray for me, and especially in the Eucharistic Sacrifice. The privilege of assisting at your Holy Masses will ever be cherished as one of the greatest blessings of my life. May the plenitude of His Infinite love and holiness be yours always, and may you draw many souls to Him. As token of my gratitude my feeble prayers will ever be offered to God for you through Mary.

Respectfully,
Sister Mary

CAMP STAR OF THE SEA
LAKE SPRINGFIELD
SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

July 13,1941.

Rev. Father Aloysius, C.M.F.,
St. Jude Seminary,
Momence, Illinois.

Rev. dear Father:

You have been in my thoughts and my prayers very much since we heard the sad news that you would probably be leaving us before we returned from camp. Our dear Lord is asking a big sacrifice of us in taking you from us - however, we realize that we must bow our heads in submission to His Holy Will and say our "Fiat."

The dear Sacred Heart seems to be blessing our work here at camp. We are overcrowded this year and have been obliged to refuse numerous registrations. Father is happy over the manner in which everything is going- particularly, the beauty of the souls of our little ones. I had the privilege of again this year preparing or helping to prepare a little girl for her First Holy Communion which she made in our little chapel yesterday morning. Last evening we had a reception for one of our former campers who is leaving the 16th to enter the Ursulines in Missouri. We have a group of three little Aspirants from the Franciscan Convent camping here with us. Father has had a special cabin built for them. The girls wear their aspirant's uniforms or habits for Mass in the morning and for Benediction in the evening. They are white dresses with blue veils. Their presence has made a deep impression on many of the girls.

during our retreat.
Since I saw you, I have heard more talking about Father McNamara, and in order to protect and safeguard Sr. M. M. from the tangle of gossip, I think it is best Father McNamara never come to see Sr M. M. Please do not misunderstand me, I am not finding fault with Fr. McNamara, but with those who spread stories. Thanking you for all you have done for our Sisters I remain Yours respectfully in His Merciful Love.

Sister, St. Emily.

J. M. J.

Holy Family Academy
Bearsville, Ill.
July 30/41

Very Revered Father Aloysius.
St. Jude Seminary
Momence, Ill.

Reverend and Dear Father:-

Mother Rose Mary
urges me asking for her
message.

When Sr. M. Mediatrix gave me the copy she said:
"Father Aloysius told me to give you this to read and she asked me to return to him" so I returned the

copy to Sr. M. M. the same day. I was under the impression Sr. sent back the copy to you the same day.

I asked Sr. about it and she said she failed to return the copy to you.

I profited of this occasion to tell her "procrastination" is her pet fault and this often places people in an embarrassing situation.

Father, if you wish me to send these messages, please let me know, as I have a copy of them.

No doubt Sr. M. M. will return your copy by the priest who will say mass or possibly I may enclose it in this letter in order to save her time.

To day we began the novena in preparation for our second retreat.

May I ask you to join us in this special novena which means so much to us this year.

Be assured of our most fervent prayers for you and your community